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rectification and consolidation of existing societies. The department has not however stopped completely the registration of new societies but is proceeding cautiously. The propaganda work is not at present done by the Government staff but by the district central banks or federations wherever the latter exist.

(*b*) & (*c*) Yes. The Madras District Co-operative Central Bank is the constituted body for the city for propaganda and the organization of new societies.

(*d*) The Madras Depressed Classes Co-operators' Federation applied to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for registration under the Co-operative Societies Act. But as there exists already a duly constituted co-operative society, viz., the Madras District Central Bank, for this purpose, the Registrar considered that there was no need for the registration of another society.

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—" May I know from the Hon. the Minister for Development that, under what section of the Act, the Madras District Co-operative Central Bank becomes the constituted body for purposes of propaganda ? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" Notice."

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—" Am I to understand, Sir, that no other body than the Madras District Co-operative Central Bank can undertake propaganda ? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" I cannot say anything off-hand."

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—" Will the Government reconsider their decision to register the Depressed Classes Co-operators' Federation ? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" If the matter comes up before the Government, it will be considered."

Fisheries.

Expenditure on account of the Tanur Research Station.

* 838 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the experiments conducted in the Tanur Research Station during the past five years were ;

(*b*) what the results achieved so far are ;

(*c*) what the qualifications of the Research Assistants are who have been conducting these experiments ; and

(*d*) what the amounts spent so far under non-recurring and recurring charges are ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the administration reports of the last five years.

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(c) Except the assistant now in charge of the station who is a graduate in Zoology, others who held charge possessed no academical qualification but considerable experience and ability sufficient to carry on experiments under the direction of the Director.

(d) The expenditure incurred every year is recorded in the administration report of the department. Details of recurring and non-recurring expenditure are not available with Government but the building, plant, laboratory, etc., were valued in 1932 at Rs. 39,120.

Experiments with drier carried on at the Tanur Research Station.

* 839 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether experiments with the drier are being carried on at the Tanur Research Station;

(b) whether the Research Assistant in charge of the experiment is qualified for the purpose;

(c) whether it is a fact that the experiment with the drier was conducted by Sir F. Nicholson;

(d) whether the defect observed by Sir F. Nicholson has been remedied; and

(e) whether the Government will be pleased to call for the observations recorded by the present Director of Fisheries and place them on the table of the House?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes, under the orders of the Director of Fisheries.

(c) Yes.

(d) From paragraph 63 of the administration report for 1932–33 it will be observed that the experiments have attained some success.

(e) The Director's observation are contained in paragraphs 61–63 of the latest administration report.

Imposition of the condition of financial guarantee in respect of fish-curing yards.

* 840 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) the number of fish-curing yards closed on the West Coast as a measure of retrenchment;

(b) whether the Government insist on fishermen giving financial guarantee in the case of Baikampadi and Nattika yards;